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Congo (Leopoldville): President Kasavubu's dismissal of Tshombé as premier yesterday almost certainly will provoke a new period of political turmoil.

Evariste Kimba, appointed by Kasavubu to form a new government, starts with the odds slightly against him in the volatile Congolese Parliament. The 39-year-old Kimba, who once was "foreign minister" in Tshombé's Katanga secessionist government, lacks a strong national political base of his own. He will be heavily dependent on Kasavubu and on Minister of Interior Nendaka and his anti-Tshombé parliamentary alliance. He has 30 days to form a government.

Tshombé has not yet indicated his intentions. He probably will use his considerable parliamentary strength to try to block attempts by Kimba and others to form a government and so force Kasavubu to turn back to him. At this point he is not likely to return to Katanga or to engage in any extralegal measures such as a coup.

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NOTES

USSR-Cuba: Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko, who is scheduled to visit Havana on 19 October, will be the first high-level Soviet visitor to Cuba since January 1964 when presidium member Podgorny visited the country. Fidel Castro, who accompanied Podgorny on his return to Moscow, has not met the present Soviet leaders since they came to power. Castro may revisit the USSR shortly after Gromyko returns. Since late 1964, Castro has followed a course in harmony with Soviet strategic concerns and Moscow's current tactics in the Sino-Soviet dispute. Castro's latest pronouncements on Cuban domestic and foreign policy have been treated favorably in the Soviet press and a high-level Cuban party-military delegation is now in the Soviet Union.

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Congo (Brazzaville): Some 150 Africans, who were trained in Cuba in guerrilla warfare, recently arrived in Congo (Brazzaville),

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the insurgents are intended for use outside the country, probably against Congo (Leopoldville) and Angola. Cuba is also providing military advisers to the radical Brazzaville regime.

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*Uruguay: Yesterday's 24-hour general strike appears to have been at least partially successful. It was called by the Communist-led National Workers Convention (CNT) in sympathy with ^{members} [the employees] of Communist-dominated autonomous government entities ^{division} who began a 72-hour walk-out at the same time. Montevideo remained calm, however, despite press reports that some ^{30,000 or more} [500,000] workers were affected by the strike. Police and military forces remain confident of their ability to deal with any possible violence. There is, however, no indication that the government and workers are any closer to solving the basic problem at issue in the strike--the government's refusal to grant the 50 percent wage raise that the workers are demanding.

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*Dominican Republic: Most of the rebel military elements in downtown Santo Domingo were transported to a military camp east of the capital yesterday as scheduled. Some 200 remaining rebels are to be moved this morning. Provisional President Garcia Godoy is expected to declare the city ^{demobilized} [demobilized] today. A commission with representatives from both sides is scheduled to begin reviewing rebel military personnel today for integration into the regular armed forces.

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